

GREEDY COAL MEN BREAK CONTRACTS

Railroad Makes Charge Before
Interstate Commerce
Commissioner.

CAR SHORTAGE IS DENIED

Mine Operators Ignore Patrons
to Sell at High Prices
Elsewhere.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 16.—Charges that coal operators are breaking contracts, made late to day at hearings in progress here, promise to result in a widening of the scope of the investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission in making into the question surrounding the exchange and return of freight cars by the railroads of the country.

Just before the close of the afternoon session the charge was made by counsel for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad that mines had refused to load cars furnished for the specific purpose of enabling them to meet contract requirements.

Three cars, it was said, had been furnished to a mine for loading at the utility company at Hamilton, Ohio. The operator, counsel declared, had refused to accept these cars for loading to that destination, though this was one of two mines under contract to furnish the utility company with its fuel.

Operators Want Higher Prices.

Asked by Commissioner C. C. McChord of the Interstate Commerce Commission to be continuing his hearings, the reason for this refusal, counsel said, was that no reason was known, but that it was believed the operator wished to take advantage of the high prices being offered on the open market.

A small steam plant, where a mine had agreed to sell to a public utility company with which it had contacts, after meeting a demand for nine cars daily of fuel coal made by the Louisville and Nashville the number of cars furnished him was insufficient to allow him to fill his fuel contracts.

Records of the mine, read showing this mine to have delivered only three cars of fuel coal in a period of six days during the time it claimed to be unable to supply the utility company.

Coal Shortage Artifical.

These records showed that the mine had in the same time been supplied with sixty cars for loading. These instances were cited, it was said, for the purpose of showing that to some extent at least the shortage was not due to the inability of the railroads to furnish sufficient cars to care for the output of the mines.

Commissioner McChord at this point demanded that he be furnished with all the records available to the Louisville and Nashville showing where an operator had failed to fill his contracts while furnished with a supply of cars for that purpose.

"The operators," he said, "are constantly asking the commission asking for relief of various kinds. If they are not going to serve the public welfare is a question in my mind as to whether they deserve or ought to have any relief."

Almost the entire time of both the morning and afternoon sessions were taken up with the testimony of Frank H. Alfred of the Pere Marquette.

LABOR ASKS JEWS' AID.

Local Unions Requested to Assist Accused California Leaders.

Jews enrolled in labor unions. Zionists, fraternal social and benevolent orders, will be asked to assist the labor leaders accused of the San Francisco bomb outrage which occurred at the time of the preparedness parade. Alexander Berkman, national anarchist leader, held a conference yesterday with the executive committee of the United Hebrew Trades to enlist the assistance of that body.

Organized labor, he said, believed the innocent. A meeting will be held in Carnegie Hall December 2, at which Frank Walsh will speak. The United Hebrew Trades will hold a meeting November 26 to consider means of giving assistance.

STRIKES AT WIFE; KILLS BABY.

Father Slays Child Held in Its
Mother's Arms.

Accused of killing his baby, 3 months old, when trying to strike his wife with a hammer, John Walsh, 32, a carpenter, of 616 Water street, was locked up yesterday in the Oak street police station.

The mother and her husband were quarreling and she held the baby in her arms. The child's skull was fractured and it died in Volunteer Hospital.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

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